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## **SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION UP FROM APRIL 2010**

**SOUTH CAROLINA'S** laying flocks produced 95 million eggs during April, up 4 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 72 million table eggs and 23 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,363,000 birds, up less than 1 percent from 4,356,000 a year ago. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,177 eggs, compared with 2,089 in 2010.

**UNITED STATES** egg production totaled 7.61 billion during April 2011, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 987 million were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2011 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,236 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2010.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DECREASES**

During the month of April, **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** broiler hatcheries produced 19.0 million chicks, down 8 percent from last year's 20.6 million chicks.

The **UNITED STATES** broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2011 totaled 780 million, up 2 percent from April 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 649 million on May 1, 2011, up 1 percent from a year earlier.